

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 172
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mrs. Ada Mary Grogan
of Fayette County upon her meritorious service
to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should
pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have worked assiduously, without the
thought of personal gain, to ensure the growth and prosperity of their respective communities;
and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ada Mary Grogan, a dedicated resident of Fayette County for nearly
ninety remarkable years, is most assuredly one such estimable citizen deserving of special
recognition; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Grogan truly stands unparalleled in Fayette County's history; she has
been instrumental in molding and shaping the past, present and future of this vibrant
community; and

WHEREAS, by means of her incomparable endeavors in both public and private life,
Mrs. Grogan has worked successfully to make Tennessee a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ada Mary Grogan helped found the Tennessee Service Corps of
Retired Executives to provide valuable leadership and sagacious advice to persons interested in
starting a business; and

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WHEREAS, during the course of her meritorious public service, Mrs. Grogan has worked assiduously to change Tennessee's Constitution to grant property tax relief for needy senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her exemplary community service, Mrs. Grogan has served on numerous boards and commissions, including the Tennessee Commission on Aging; she has also served with acumen and alacrity as the Chair of the State Legislative Committee of the American Association of Retired Persons; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Grogan played an active role in the passage of Tennessee's seat belt law in 1986; and

WHEREAS, a stalwart supporter of nursing home reform, Mrs. Ada Mary Grogan worked with purpose and commitment to ensure the passage of legislation requiring nursing homes to meet state standards or be penalized; and

WHEREAS, for several years, Mrs. Grogan operated a successful floral business and has served with distinction as President of the Tennessee Florists Association; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Grogan has been an astute and effective advocate for the full participation of our elderly citizens in the community, and has been a worthy role model for all citizens, young and old alike, as a dedicated public servant and concerned citizen; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, Ada Mary Grogan has selflessly placed the welfare of her community and her fellow citizens ahead of personal concerns to the great benefit of all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, women of her talent and stature do not often walk among us, and Mrs. Grogan should be specially recognized as a sterling representative of the true spirit of the Volunteer State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mrs. Ada Mary Grogan upon her

meritorious service to the good people of Tennessee, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.